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1. CAIRO DAILY AKHBAR FRONT PAGE JUNE 24 CARRIES STATEMENT
BY FATAH GENERAL COMMAND MEMBER KHALID AL-HASAN TO JAPAN
TIMES IN TOKYO THAT PLO EXPECTS TO FORM PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
IN CAIRO THIS YEAR. ACCORDING AL-HASAN, PLAN REPRESENTS
PALESTINIAN DESIRE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO ME PROBLEM.
DATE GOVERNMENT TO BE ESTABLISHED WILL DEPEND ON RESULTS OF
PRESIDENT CARTER TALKS WITH BEGIN, AL--HASAN QUOTED AS SAYING.

2. COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, SADAT HAS ADVOCATED
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PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE SINCE BEFORE OCTOBER WAR.
EGYPTIANS PUSHED HARD FOR THIS PROPOSAL DURING
MARCH 1977 PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN CAIRO,
ARGUING THAT SUCH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT COULD UNDERCUT
ISRAELI OBJECTION TO SITTING DOWN WITH PLO. (IN PAST
MONTHS, SEVERAL NON-PLO PALESTINIANS HAVE BEEN TOUTED AS
LIKELY CHOICE FOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESIDENCY;

MOST OFTEN MENTIONED WERE TWO NON-PLO WEST BANK RESIDENTS---
ANWAR AL-KHATIB AND, MORE RECENTLY, HIKMAT AL-MASRI FROM
NABLUS.) FATAH, HOWEVER, HAS NEVER BEEN WILLING TAKE THIS
STEP. PLO OLD TIMERS ARE INHIBITED BY EXPERIENCE OF PREVIOUS
PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE WHICH, AFTER THE 1948 WAR,
VEGETATED FOR YEARS IN HELIOPOLIS, ENDING AS LAUGHING STOCK
OF ARAB WORLD.

3. KHALID AL-HASAN'S STATEMENT THAT PLO "EXPECTS" FORM
GOVERNMENT IN SPECIFIC TIME FRAME (1977) IS WORTHY OF NOTE
SINCE IT MAY INDICATE CONCRETE PLO DESIRE ASSIST IN "SEARCH
FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION ME PROBLEM". IT IS ALSO PERHAPS
SIGNIFICANT THAT IT COMES ONLY TWO WEEKS AFTER ARAFAT TOLD
PRESS IN KUWAIT THAT "WE IN THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION ARE
VERY KEEN ON EFFECTING DIALOGUE WITH THE US". (KUWAIT 3292).
ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT ARAFAT AND HASAN WORKING TOGETHER
AFTER FALLING OUT IN 1975, IT MAY BE, THAT MODERATE PLO LEADERSHIP,
OF WHICH ARAFAT AND KHALID AL-HASAN ARE BEST KNOWN EXAMPLARS,
HAS DECIDED SEND POSITIVE SIGNALS TO US. NEITHER PLO/US
DIALOGUE NOR PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT ARE ACCEPTABLE
TO PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS, INCLUDING REJECTIONISTS WITHIN
FATAH ITSELF, AND THIS BOTH ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY REPRESENT SMALL
INDICATION ARAFAT AT LAST WILLING TO RISK GRAVE OPPOSITION
WITHIN PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

3. WE ASKED FAHMY AIDE FOR HIS VIEWS. SINCE AIDE IN CAIRO,
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NOT WITH FONMIN IN ALEXANDRIA SUMMER HQ, HE PREFERRED DEFER
SENSTATIVE COMMENT UNTIL CHECKI G WITH FAHMY. HE DID,
HOWEVER, DISCLAIM GOE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF HASAN ANNOUNCEMENT
AND RECALLED LONG STANDING EGYPTIAN EFFORT IN FAVOR
GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.
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